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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
14 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**
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16 CLINTON BROWN,

17 Plaintiff,

18 v.

19 CLARK R. TAYLOR, AICP, THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
PLANNING,
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22 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:22-cv-09203-MEMF-KS

**REQUEST FOR BRIEFING
SCHEDULE RE: PLAINTIFF
CLINTON BROWN'S:**

- 1) **REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL
NOTICE NO. 3 (DKT. NO.
114);**
- 2) **MOTION FOR STAY
PENDING INTERLOCUTORY
APPEAL (DKT. NO. 116);**
- 3) **OPPOSITION TO
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT
(DKT. NO. 118) AND
STATEMENT OF GENUINE
DISPUTES OF MATERIAL
FACT (DKT. NO. 115).**

Assigned to:
Hon. Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong
Courtroom "8B"

Magistrate Judge Karen L. Stevenson
Courtroom "580"

TO PLAINTIFF, ALL PARTIES, THE HONORABLE COURT:

Defendant Clark Taylor, in his official capacity for the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning ("Defendant" or "County") hereby requests that the Court set a briefing schedule for the following:

- (1) Plaintiff's Request for Judicial Notice No. 3 (Dkt. No. 114) ("RJN#3");
- (2) Plaintiff's Motion for Stay Pending Interlocutory Appeal (Dkt. No. 116) ("Motion for Stay"); and
- (3) Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment (Dkt. No. 118) ("Opposition") and Plaintiff's Statement of Genuine Disputes of Material Fact by Nonmoving Party (Dkt. No. 115 and Dkt. Nos. 115-1 – 115-11) ("Disputes of Material Fact").

I. REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 3

Plaintiff's RJN#3 fails to comply with L.R. 7-4 as it does not state the date or time of the motion hearing and the name of the judicial officer before whom the motion has been noticed. L.R. 7-4 states:

"The Court may decline to consider a motion unless it meets the requirements of L.R. 7-3 through 7-8. On the first page of the notice of motion and every other document filed in connection with any motion, there shall be included, under the title of the document, the date and time of the motion hearing, and the name of the judicial officer before whom the motion has been noticed. The notice of motion shall contain a concise statement of the relief or Court action the movant seeks."

Additionally, Plaintiff's RJN#3 "FINAL ZONING ENFORCEMENT ORDER" is not an adjudicative fact that may be judicially noticed because it is not a fact that is: (1) "generally known within the trial court's territorial jurisdiction; or (2) can be accurately and readily determined from sources whose accuracy cannot be reasonably be questioned." *Fed. R. Evid. 201(b)* ("Rule 201").

In alternative, if the Court is so inclined, Defendant requests that the Court strike in its entirety Plaintiff's Request for Judicial Notice No. 3 (Dkt. No. 114) and require Plaintiff re-file his Request for Judicial Notice No. 3 in compliance with all applicable Federal Rules, Local Rules, and Judge's Procedures.

II. MOTION FOR STAY PENDING INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL

Plaintiff's Motion for Stay (Dkt. No. 116) also fails to comply with L.R. 7-4 as it does not state the date or time of the motion hearing and the name of the judicial officer before whom the motion has been noticed.

Additionally, Plaintiff's Motion for Stay fails to comply with L.R. 7-3 as it was filed on Christmas Day - 3 days after the L.R. 7-3 conference between parties, which occurred on *December 22, 2023*. (Dkt. No. 116 at 5.) To comply with L.R. 7-3, Plaintiff's Motion to Stay would need to be filed on or after *December 29, 2023*. L.R. 7-3 states:

"In all cases not listed as exempt in L.R. 16-12, and except in connection with discovery motions (which are governed by L.R. 37-1 through 37-4) and applications under F.R.Civ.P. 65 for temporary restraining orders or preliminary injunctions, counsel contemplating the filing of any motion must first contact opposing counsel to discuss thoroughly, preferably in person, the substance of the contemplated motion and any potential resolution. The conference must take place at least 7 days prior to the filing of the motion."

If the Court is so inclined, Defendant requests that the Court strike in its entirety Plaintiff's Motion for Stay (Dkt. No. 116) and require Plaintiff re-file his Request for Motion for Stay in compliance with all applicable Federal Rules, Local Rules, and Judge's Procedures.

III. OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF GENUINE DISPUTES OF MATERIAL FACT

On October 19, 2023, the Honorable Magistrate Judge Karen L. Stevenson issued a Notice re: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment [DKT NO. 82] and Order Setting Briefing Schedule ("MSJO"). (Dkt. No. 83.) The MSJO provided that Plaintiff shall file and serve his Opposition to Defendants' Summary Judgment Motion and Local Rule 56-2 Statement of Genuine Issues no later than **November 20, 2023**. (*Id.* at 1.) The MSJO further provided that "**Plaintiff is expressly cautioned**

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1 **that his failure to file and serve a timely Opposition to Defendants' Summary**
 2 **Judgment Motion may result in the granting of the Summary Judgment**
 3 **Motion."** (emphasis in original) (*Id.* at 4.) Plaintiff filed his Opposition to
 4 Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment (Dkt. No. 118) a month past the MSJO
 5 deadline, on December 27, 2023, and filed his Statement of Genuine Disputes of
 6 Material Fact by Nonmoving Party on Christmas, December 25, 2023 (Dkt. No. 115).
 7 Plaintiff has not presented any good cause or legal basis for filing his Opposition and
 8 Disputes of Material Facts over a month past the MSJO deadline. Plaintiff continues
 9 to engage in gamesmanship and ignore his obligations under the applicable Federal
 10 Rules, Local Rules, Judge's Procedures, and/or Orders whenever it suits him.

11 Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment (Dkt. No.
 12 118) and his Statement of Genuine Disputes of Material Fact by Nonmoving Party
 13 (Dkt. No. 115) is untimely and in violation of the Court' MSJO. Further, all the
 14 Opposition Exhibits submitted in Plaintiff's Statement of Genuine Disputes of
 15 Material Fact by Nonmoving Party (Dkt. Nos. 115-1 to 115-11) ("Opposition
 16 Exhibits") have no foundation and are not authenticated pursuant to *Fed. R. Evid. 901*.
 17 The Opposition Exhibits are neither supported by an affidavit or declaration. Plaintiff
 18 attempts to have the Opposition Exhibits characterized as Request for Judicial
 19 Notices, but fails to identify the source of each Opposition Exhibit and does not meet
 20 his burden to show that the Opposition Exhibits are generally known within the trial
 21 court's territorial jurisdiction; or can be accurately and readily determined from
 22 sources whose accuracy cannot be reasonably be questioned as required by Rule 201.

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1 In alternative, if the Court is so inclined, Defendant requests that the Court
2 strike in its entirety Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary
3 Judgment (Dkt. No. 116) and Genuine Disputes of Material Fact by Nonmoving Party
4 (Dkt. No. 115 and Dkt. Nos. 115-1 to 115-11).

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6 DATED: January 2, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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